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CROOKS, ABEL MAKE FRIENDLY WAGER ON WASHINGTON TO WIN CLASS 3A HOOP CROWN

INDIANAPOLIS – Confident that the Washington Hatchets will return from the Conseco Fieldhouse next Saturday with the state Class 3-A boys basketball title, State Rep. Dave Crooks (D-Washington) and Mayor David Abel have entered into a friendly wager with the mayor of the town that will provide the opposition in the championship game.

Crooks, who serves as the voice of the Hatchets on WAMW-AM/FM, and Abel today bet Plymouth Mayor Gary Cook that Washington will beat the Pilgrims when the two teams meet for the state championship around 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

The winner of the wager will receive a community gift basket from the mayor of the town that loses.

"Having served with Rep. Cook in the Indiana House (from 1996-2002), I know him to be a man of integrity, so I am sure that he will be presenting Mayor Abel and me with some of the finest items to come from the city of Plymouth," Crooks said.

"Certainly we will be looking forward to sampling some of the blueberries that serve as the focal point of the festival that takes place in the Plymouth area each year," he continued. "From talking to Mayor Abel, I don't think we'll be too picky. We'll be more than happy to have some blueberry pies, ice cream and cheesecake to share with the people of Washington in our victory celebration."

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